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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following preliminary amendments for the application identified above and filed herewith.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

On page 1, before the first line, please insert the following paragraph:

-- This is a continuation of Application No. 09/281,119, filed March 29, 1999 --

In the Abstract:

On line 1, please replace "comprising" (both instances) with -- having --

On line 2, please replace "comprising" with -- having --

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 29-32

-- 29 (New) The material of claim 1, wherein said antimicrobial fiber comprises at least eighteen percent of said material.

30 (New) The cleaning cloth of claim 11, wherein said antimicrobial fiber comprises at least eighteen percent of said cleaning cloth.

31 (New) The cleaning cloth of claim 19, wherein said antimicrobial fiber comprises at least eighteen percent of said cleaning cloth.

32 (New) The material of claim 26, wherein said antimicrobial fiber comprises at least eighteen percent of said material. --

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that the above Preliminary Amendment presents no new matter in the Application, and was not made for reasons related to patentability, but was rather made because the Applicant merely prefers the above language to describe his invention.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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